# RELIGIOUS.

Meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

COMPOSITION OF THE BODY.

Present and Prospective Plans of Representation.

BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY.

This morning we shall have gathered in the Tabernacle, Brooklyn, a large and important body of ministers and laymen representing the Presby-terian Church (North) throughout the United States. About 500 representative men of culture, dignity and eminence will begin to consider the wants and condition of their denomination to-day. Sent by the Presbyteries to which they belong, they represent 4,999 churches, great and small, with an aggregate membership of a little over half a million souls. The total number of ministers in the body is 4,708.

The most important question that has come before the Presbyteries during the year has been the last Assembly's overture on representation in that body. After due deliberation and consideration sixty-nine After due deliberation and consideration sixty-nine voted against the measure and twenty-two for it. There must have been something radical and subversive of Presbyterian polity in it to have secured such a majority against it. A better understanding of the importance of the overture will be arrived at by a brief recital of the several judicatoocal church Session, which looks after the spiritual accresss of the individual society and its component miss of the ministers (pastors or not) and one elder om each church within a city or a given district of country. All Presbyterian ministers are equal in ec-cleanastical rank and standing, whitever their employ-ment. For mutual protection, counsel and discipline, a number of churches, not less than ten nor more than lorty, are associated to form a Presbytery. The Synod is the next highest court in Presbyterian ecclesiasticism. It is composed of as many Presbyteries as may be convenient, generally not less than three nor more than nine. Its members consist of all the members longing to the Presbyteries which compose it, and no elder from each church. There are 173 Presbyteries and thirty-six Synoda. A session holds meetings from time to time, as occasion demands. Presbytery meets semi-annually, or, in some cases, quarterly, with special meetings in case of urgent business. Synod meets annually. The General Assembly has held annual meetings since 1789.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY is composed of delegates or commissioners sent from the Presbyteries. Each Presbytery sends two commis-sioners in proportion to every twenty-four ministers or fraction of twenty-four which compose it. One of these commissioners must be a minister, the other an elder. There will thus be about 500 delegates present in this Assembly. A body composed of 500 men is considered by some to be entirely too large. During the unhappy division of the Presbyterian Church into two branches—the Old School and New School—from 1838 to 1860, the Assembly of each body met separately, each bringing together about 200 or 250 commissioners. The Assembly which to-day convenes year since the union there has been much discussion as to how to reduce the number of commissioners, but as yet no pian has been suggested which meets with general approval. Last year a pian was presented for the Presbyteres to vote on which involved sending the commissioners from the Synods instead of from the Presbyteries, and thus sending fewer men. It has anow been voted down by a large majority, and the representation stands us before. In the two branches of the Church (North and South) there are 6,000 preachers, the Northern branch naving 4,706.

The Presbytery of Chicago voted against the Assembly's overture on representation by Synods, and made the following points against the advocates of the measure: ear since the union there has been much discussion

bly, though involving often hard labor, is yet a change and a rest for the clerical delegates.

THE HOSPITALITY QUESTION.

Necond—It is said that but few places in the land are capable of entertaining see large a body. But the American Board finds bountiful bospitality at its annual meetings for a usually much larger number of delegates, though not, it is true, for so long a time. Yet they have been eagerly invited and generously entertimed by such small cities as Norwich, Conn., and Lynn, Mass., of which there are hundreds in the land of equal or greater size.

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Third—It is said, again, that the size of the Assembly must be reduced, because it is now too arge to iransact the business with "convenience and despatch." This objection since the reunion has often been raised. How much of its present force may be due to its Iraquent iteration we do not undertake to say; but that incre is at present any serious difficulty we fail to see. The English House of Commons, one of the lessing legislative bodies of the world, has 654 members—a number greater by more than 100 than ever convened in any General Assembly of our Church. We have never heard that the efficiency of this body is destroyed or impaired by its great size. The French Chamber of Deputies is composed of 532 members; the German Reienstag has 397 members, the Prussian House of Deputies \$23, the Hungarian House of Magnates 731. This Presbytery expresses the opinion that the efficiency of the Assembly may be promoted far more by providing for the withdrawal from it of all. or nearly all, judicial cases, which are generally perplexing and when often consume much time, than by reduct to its ses-tons be abortoned rather than diminish its membership, for which there does not seem to be at this stage of the Church's growth any urgent call.

Some of the Presbyteries and several correspondents of the denominational press, while clinging to the present form of representation by Presbyteries, have offered plans of their own, which will be presented to the Assembly during its session here, looking toward a reduction in the number of commissioners. One plan retains the form but enlarges

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disting rule it cannot swell into a court too large inweldy, ne time ago Dr. Talmage and Elders Freeman, in, Hathaway and Slicox were appointed by the racele Church an executive committee to make eccessary arrangements for the meeting and enternent of the General Assembly. They have had a deal of correspondence to attend to, both with everal commissioners and with their respective tainers in Brooklyn and New York. At first sylorian families were rather slow in accepting stor, because of the

nteriainers in Brooklyn and New York. At first presbyterian families were rather alow in accepting elegates, because of the Currox or Pressyrrantan commissioners ringing wives and sometimes daughters and whole amilies along with them. While the theory of the thurch asks for entertainment for the delegates only he custom doubles the expense and the trouble; but y frequent appeals of the commissee, personally and y letter, before Pressyleries and through the press, he committee has secured pleasant homes and enter-ainment for the commissioners during their two or hree weeks' stay here. A lunch will be spread every as for the Assembly in the Lay College building.

On yesterday alternoon the Committee on Commissions met in the chapel of the Tabernacle, and this norning carly they will meet also to receive the creeatials of commissioners. Last evening, in the abernacle prayer meeting, Dr. Talmage and delegates and members of the church present interchanged wellomes and congratulations. This morning, at eleven chock, the Assembly will be formally opened by Dr. diward D. Morris, the Modernior of the last Assembly has will be preach a sermon. Beginning quietly, and proceeding steadily to business, that body may be deemed forthy to receive an invitation to be present at the nrelling of the statue of one of the signers of the fearation of Independence, at Philadelphia, at or ear the close of its essaions. A preliminary meeting the Eldors' Council in connection with the Assembly fill be held on Saturday evening, May 20, in the Taberneile, for the election of officers for the ensuing year

their supporting churches was the chief topic discusses at the meeting of the Presbytery of New York on Monday last. The attention of the General Assembly will be called to the subject. An appeal from the action of the Synod of New Jersey at its last October meeting will prebably bring before the Assembly important questions in the construction of the Presbyterian Book of Discipline. The case originated in an attempt on the part of a Presbytery to instal a minister over a divided congregation. The minority are the authors of the appeal, which includes questions like these:—In a vote to sustain an appeal on which side are counted the votes to sustain in part? Has a Presbytery the power to call a parish meeting and forbid discussion therein? Are delinquent pewholders and sub-renters of pows, whose names are not registered on the trustees' books, eligible to vote for a pastor?

The Southern General Assembly meets in Savannah on the same day as the Northern meets in Brooklyn.

The subject of fraternal relations between the two bodies, which was left in a very unsatisfactory state by the last Assembly, will come before the present body, but from present indications with little better success. The Presbyterian, the organ of the Southern Church, in a late issue declared that it did not want any fraternization with the Northern Church—that the parties do not march one step nearer each other. Marking time may do very well in the day of criti, but it is worth little in the day of contest. What we want now is a truce, a suspension of the strite of debate and a postponement of negotiations—a silence in which the men on both sides shall better discern what Israel ought to do. It therefore respectfully submits that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 17, 1876. hop Bowman presided in the General Conference

this morning.

A personal letter from Rev. Lovick Pierce, one of the fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was read, regretting his inability to be present as a messenger of peace and good will. It was ordered that the letter be published and replied to by Dr. Hunt, Chairman of the Committee on the Recep-

tion of Fraternal Delegates.
Bishop Janes presented the report of the Fraternal
Delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian
Church. Referred to the Committee on Correspond-

once.

The Committee on the Centennial Observances to be held May 21 in commemoration of the Methodist Episcopal Conference sheld in Baltimore May 21, 1776, submitted a programme of exercises on that day, to take place in the Academy of Music at three P. M., and requesting the Board of Bishops to select one of their number to speak on that occasion, Dr. D. Whedon was unanimously elected editor of the Quarterly Review Dr. J. H. Vincent was unanimously elected editor of the Sunday school papers and tracta

elected by acclaimation. Messra Ritchcock and Walden were the only nomination for agents of the Western Book Concern, and were also re-elected by acclaimation.

A motion to postpons the election of editor of the New York Christian Advocate was lost, and Dr. D. Curry, of Eastern New York; C. H. Fowler, of Rock River, and E. O. Haven, of Central New York, were then put in nomination. A ballot was had, with the following results.

Advocate, Pacific Christian Advocate, and Ladies' Repository was postponed.

The remainder of the day's session was consumed in
considering the report of the Committee on Missions as
to the number of corresponding secretaries to be employed by the Board of Managers of the Missions, and
after protracted discussion the report of the committee
fixing the number at two was adopted, and the Conference then adjourned till to morrow.

PROCEEDINGS YESTER-DAY-ELECTION OF THE The diocesan Convention of Long Island assembled yesterday morning in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn. After the reading of morning prayer, Dr. Dillier called the Convention to order, and the minutes were read and approved. The special committee to whom was referred Bishop Littlejohn's letter to the Convention, reported resolutions expressing their sympathy with him in his affliction, and their hope that he will study his own and his fam-ily's health before he returns home. The letter of the Bushop was ordered to be entered on the journal of the

Bishop was ordered to be entered on the journal of the Convention, and that the Secretary send a duly certified copy of these resolutions to Bishop Littlejohn. An election for Standing and Missionary Committees for the diocese was then held, with the following result:—

Standing Committee—Reva. C. H. Hall, T. Strafford Drowne, John A. Paddock and J. Carpenter Smith, all D. D.'s; Messers. H. C. Pierrepont, J. W. Gilbert, C. R. Marvin and W. Floyd Jones, laymen.

Missionary Committee—Reva. D. V. M. Johnson, D. D.; C. W. Homer, W. A. Sniveley, C. B. Elisworth and John A. Aspinwall; Mesers. A. V. Blake, S. D. C. Van Bokkelin, J. A. Hewlett, S. B. Barton and Lyman R. Greene.

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A DIOCESAN LIBRARY, and Dra. Betts, Drowne and Leonard and Mesers. Onderdonk and Barnes were appointed a committee therefor. It will find a temperary depository in the chapel of the Church of the Redemen. The report of the Committee on Diocesan Missions was presented, which, with the treasurer's report, shows that there are exteen mission stations or parishes together with missionary operations in the public institutions of Brooklyn. These were sustained or aided last year to the extent of \$4,596, while the receipts, including a balance on hand from the previous year of \$382 99, were \$4,253. But there are bills now due and other sums will be due by June I, so that the treasury will be overdrawn \$1,350 at that date. The report of the Committee on Cristiana Education recommended collections and bequests for this interest. A standing committee of six to an education for next year was appointed. Rev. Mr. Haskins presented and pressed a recolution asking that a special committee be appointed to inquire into the missionary needs of the city of Brooklyn, and to report plans to the next annual Convention for the union of all missions, practical and general, under one central government. Mr. Haskins gave cases in which their Church missions have disappeared and the Roman Catholics have flourishing institutions on the ruins. While the Convention may take just pride in the consecration of a church in the city of Rome it should not ignore the wants and the claims of this city upon the thurch. Dr. Johnson explained that the Missionary Committee are now \$1,300 in debt, and they don't think they can raise money for additional mission work. The resolution of Mr. Haskins satopted, and Revz. Mr. Haskins, Sniveley and Scheeck and Mesers. Gilbert and Bennett were appointed any exception of the conv

POLYGLOT BIBLE READERS.

The tortieth anniversary of the American and Foreign Bible Society took piace yesterday afternoon at the Tract House, No. 150 Nassau street. The President,

and for the transaction of such other business as may come shorted.

Mr. Peter Bolen, of New Jersey, occupied the chair. The attendance of members was not large, only about principal politics, and during the two Sundays that the Assembly will be unessed in early every pulpit. In Heavily will be unessed to construct the state of the Assembly. The principal business will be that which is unually transacted pertaining to the managements of massion work at home and abready of Church support and extension, of the work of trains of the managements of massion work at home and abready of the most principal pulpits, and during the work of the successful to the state of distressed and aged minuters, and of pulpits wants of the Treedmen; of relieving the wants of distressed and aged minuters, and of pulpits was a state of the Assembly come, for the most part, fresh from scenes of revival and of healthy manifestion of religious life. From the Atlantic coast to the Fresh's business of the Assembly will be happy. The Presbyterians of Pittaburg have memorialized the Assembly to readirm the chievrance of the Assembly will be happy. The Presbyterians of Pittaburg have memorialized the Assembly to readirm the chievrance of the thing the contract of the statements of the statements of the Assembly to readirm the chievrance of the thing the statements of the Assembly to readirm the chievrance of the statements of retary and Treasurer—U. D. Ward. Recording Secretary—Rev, George E. Horr. Managers—Feter Bolen, W. S. Goodno, L. L. Blacktord, D. C. Potter, S. P. White, A. B. Capwell, W. H. Parmly, A. D. tellette, Nelson Palmer, E. T. Riscox, Andrew Hopper, Henry Cyphers, J. Counsellor, G. E. Horr, J. W. Stevens, George Gault, Robert Johnson, Samuel Raynor, William Hagar, William Rollinson and George E. Porine.

COLLEGIATE DUTCH CHURCH. The 2434 anniversary of the school of the Collegiate Dutch church will be celebrated this evening, at sight o'clock, in the school building, No. +60 West Twenty-ninth street. The exercises will open with prayer. Singing, reading, deciamation, a distribution of premiums and prizes, a valedictory and other addresses go to form the programme.

#### HOLY FAMILY RECEPTION.

Yesterday the ladies of the Association for Befriending Children and Young Girls gave an annual reception at their house, an old Stuyvesant mansion, No. 136 Second avenue. The attendance of ladies was large. There were no formal proceedings, though all who desired information concerning the system and cost of management were given the facts, which are as fol-\$3,699 were the earnings of the inmates. The support of the house has cost \$4,313 56, with incidental expenses amounting to \$946 62. During the year \$5,012 86 has been paid on the floating debt, and \$2,481 56 has been paid for interest, insurance and taxes. There is a floating debt still existing of \$4,726 72, to decrease which paid for interest, insurance and taxes. There is a floating debt still existing of \$4,726.72, to decrease which amount a sacred concert is to be given on Sunday, May 21, at \$8, Ann's church. The number of immates has been about \$50 a year. That the house is remarkably well fitted for the care of those who may choose to avail themselves of its advantages is clear to even a casual glance at the spacious and perfectly clean and otherwise well ordered household. The institution is supported, almost entirely, by private subscription, in addition to the returns from the work performed in the sewing rooms, which are plentifully supplied with machines, in the use of which all who choose are instructed. There are no salaried officers in the institution. The names of some of the officers are:—Mrs. Mary C. D. Starr, President; Mrs. George V. Hecker, Vice President; Mrs. Dr. F. A. Emmet, Treasurer; Mrs. Annie M. Gilbert, Secretary; Spiritual Director, Very Rev. Thomas S. Preston, Vicar General; Chaplain, Rev. T. F. Lynch; legal advisor, Mr. Peler Starr; Auditor, Mr. Dennis O'Donoghue, Advisory Committee, Charles O'Conor, L. L. Coudert, Dr. T. Addis Emmet, James Lynch, Eugene Kelly, George V. Hecker, Joseph Thoron, Mathew Byrnes, Callxie Harvier, James Moore, Dennis O'Donoghue, and a Board of Managers numbering twenty ladies.

### BROOKLYN'S ORPHANS.

FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASYLUM SO CIETY-FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE INSTI-

In the chapel of Tompkins Avenue Congregational of the Caspel of Companies Avenue Congregational church yesterday afternoon the forty-third anniversary of the Orphan Asylum Society, of Brooklyn, was held. Mr. James L. Morgan presided, and prayer was offered in opening by Rev. Mr. Dixon. The ninety-first Psalm was recited most perfectly by the children of the instiwas recited most perfectly by the children of the lassi-tution, who also sang very sweetly a chant, "What Shall the Harvest Be?" and the Centennial hymn for the Sunday school anniversary which all the schools are now practising. The reports read very clearly showed that the hard times have spurred the friends of the Asylum to increased efforts, so that it has fared of the Asylum to increased efforts, so that it has fared better than usual. Two legacies, of \$10,000 and \$2,000, respectively, have been left to it; the annual fair held in the Academy of Music netted \$5,321, which, with the receipts from other sources, including a balance of \$8,103 left over from the previous year, amounted to \$40,683 63. There was paid out for the maintenance of the Asylum, not including improvements and repairs, \$21,179. The improvements, &c., cost an additional \$4,791 36, and there is a balance now on hand of \$22,878 97, including the legacies of \$12,000, which will be invested. There are 167 luys and 113 girls in the Asylum now, seventy-two of whom

now on name of \$225.05 M, including the legacies of \$12,000, which will be invested. There are 167 toys and 113 girls in the Asylum now, seventy-two of whom are in the advanced classes in the school. In December last forty-four children were taken down sick at one time, but through care and attention they recovered, and the mortuary list shows only six deaths during the year.

Officers were elected for the current year as follows:—First Directress, Mrs. J. B. Hutchinson; Second Directress, Mrs. A. H. Dana; Tressurer, Mrs. Franklin Woodruff; Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. C. Enos; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Tusslow. A board of managers, representing all the denominations and all the leading churches in the city, was also elected. Rev. Dr. Helmer, in whose church the universary was held, delivered an interesting address, congratulating the ladies upon the financial ability which their reports showed. He remarked that it he could find a church in the city that has come out of the financial pressure of the year as this society has be would like to join it at once. He wished that, in this centernial year, the institution could be taken to Philadelphia and exhibited to the world. Remarks complimentary to the ladies were made also by Mr. Dana and other gentlemen present. After prayer by Dr. Helmer and singing by the children the society adjourned.

#### BROOKLYN HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD INVESTIGATION.

At a meeting of the Kinga County Board of Supervisors, held yesterday afternoon, the two reports of the Investigating Committee of the House of the Good Shepherd, which were made the special order of business, were disposed of. The Legislature having adjourned it would be impossible to obtain any change in the present law, which permits of the commitment of formic vagrants and prostitutes to that institution, and in that view of the case both majority and minority reports were laid on the table, and the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject. A standing committee for the House of the Good Shepherd was appointed. The majority report commended the institution for its admirable discipline and its reformatory result upon a class of unfortunate women who, were it not for the house, would be compelled to go to the jail or Pententiary. It recommended that the limit of the ages of those committed should not exceed twenty-live years. Supervisors Nathan and Snyder, the signers of the minority report, preferred that female vagrants should be sent to the county prisons as a matter of economy. At a meeting of the Kings County Board of Super

On the 15th of April Mr. Edward J. Wilson, a prominent lawyer of this city, was drowned under peculiar circumstances. The day after be disappeared a cane with the initials "E J. W." was found at the foot of with the initials "E. J. W." was found at the foot of pier 23 East River. It was not until several days had elapsed that the man who walked off the pier was clearly proven to have been Mr. Wilson. The body was discovered last Saturday morning and was sent in the afternoon to the undertaker's, at No. 520 Sixth avenue. Coroner Eickhoff took charge of the case, and as it was supposed to have been one of deliberate sticide by drowning no antopsy was made. The body was removed to the residence of Mr. E. C. Wilson, a brother of the deceased, at Peekskill.

A letter was received at the Coronera' office yesterday afternoon from the law firm of Morley & Smith, No. 10 Pine street, successors of the firm of Wilson & Smith, of which the deceased was the senior partner, saying that marks of violence had been discovered on the body since its arrival at Peekskill. They, therefore, requested that investigation be postponed until an autopsy can be made. They fear that Mr. Wilson was the victim of foul play. Inquiries were also directed to be made of the undertakers, to ascertain whether they had also noticed these marks of violence. If nothing more definite can be discovered the inquest will take place next Friday morning.

# INFANTICIDE IN JERSEY CITY.

A small box, containing the body of an infant, was found in a sewer at the corner of Monmouth and Thir-teenth streets, Jersey City, yesterday morning, and was conveyed to the Second precinct station. County
Physician Stout investigated the case and learned that
a man had been seen placing the box in the sewer on
Tuesday evening. Dr. Stout took the paper in which
the box was wrapped and found printed on it the name
of a firm doing business in Washington street, Hoboken. The case will be placed in the hands of a detective.

#### A CONFUSED CONTRACTOR.

Yesterday afternoon was held another session of the Brooklyn Aldermanic Committee recently appointed to investigate and report the result of their inquiry into the alleged irregularities in the grading and paving of Reid, Buffalo, Utica, Seventh and Sumter avenues. The first witness examined was John Connelly, the to have been paid about \$17,000 more than he was en-titled to. He testified that the signature upon the titled to. He testified that the signature upon the back of a warrant (which was produced) for \$3,150, dated November 5, 1870, was his handwriting, but that those upon the warrants bearing date August 21 1871, for \$3,016 and \$1,533 32 respectively were no in his handwriting. The signature to the original contract was his. He signed a receipt attached, dated December 3, 1870, for \$2,800. The witness contradicted himself several times in regard to the signatures to other warrants which were shown him. He did not sign the warrant dated October 1, 1870, for \$2,050, nor another dated August 1, 1870. Some of the indorsements on the warrants witness thought were in his son's handwriting, but he was not sure of it. Witness could not tell how much money he and his son had received; he had never authorized anybody to draw money for him; did not know how many warrants were signed by his son. The committee adjourned till Wednesday, 24th inst.

#### FALSE LARD STATISTICS.

The Lard Committee of the Produce Exchange having in charge the investigation of the false statistics submitted to the statistician of the Exchange met submitted to the statistician of the Exchange met again yesterday in the manager's room, when a long and animated debate ensued, some of the members using warm language in regard to the barefaced attempt to inbricate false statements through the official bulletins of the Produce Exchange. A report was finally prepared, which is withheld for the present, and the whole matter was referred to the General Board of Managers for their action in the premises. The latter body meet this merning, when some decided action may be taken involving the censure or expulsion of members.

#### FIRE ON BROADWAY.

A are broke out shortly before three o'clock yesterday morning on the first floor of the four story brick building No. 28 Broadway. The engines were soon at guished. The total loss is set down at a little over \$10,000, as follows:—First floor, Conrad Mulier, tailor, damage to stock, \$5,000; basement, J. Hamilton, Jr., trunks, \$1,500; second floor, front, Drake & Baremore, merchanis, \$200; rear, John Parsons, agent, \$100. The building was damaged to the extent of \$4,000.

#### GERMAN TAXPAYERS' IDEAS.

The Central Organization of the German taxpayers and property owners of this city held a special meet ing at the German schoolhouse in Fourth street yes-terday, when a report of a committee in favor of the Woodin Charter bill was received, and a petition is to be presented to the Governor asking him to approve the bill. A committee was also appointed to present a petition to the Board of Aldermen for an ordinance against pedding.

# THE PRINTERS' STRIKE.

The Typographical Union gained a decided victory esterday in their strike against a reduction of wages. ange, Little & Co., of No. 10 Astor place, one of the largest firms whose men are on strike, sent a communi-cation to President Dalton yesterday containing an agreement to pay the rates established by the Union. agreement to pay the rates established by the Union.

As the firm employs 150 men the union feels confident
that the strike will now be ended in its favor. The
cause of Lange, Little & Co.'s concession to the Union
was the inability of the firm to get out one of the city
Directories which it is to print.

It is understood that the firm agreed to pay the
Union prices temporarily, in order to insure the early
publication of the work; but this concession, it is
claimed, is only on the literatory. The Expensive Comclaimed, is only on the Directory. The Executive Committee of the employers say that it is utterly impossible to pay the old Union rates in these depressed times, and are certain that the journeymen themselves have given up all idea of trying to enforce their old scale of prices in future.

THE RECEPTION OF THE FRENCH

Upward of 150 French workmen are shortly expec in this city. They are being sent out at the expense of the French government. As a rule they are foremen, chosen for their intelligence and proficiency in their trades. They will arrive in this city, and not Philadelphia, as the Amerique, which brings the French jurors, is the last vessel of the French line which will come to Now York by way of Philadelphia. The French residents of this city propose raising about \$1,000 to give them a reception on their arrival here. A meeting of their countrymen is to be held at Anceiin's, in South Fifth avenue, on Saturday ovening next, to make arrangements for their reception.

# A PICKPOCKET'S PROMISE.

Among the prisoners taken away from the City Prison yesterday by the Deputy Sheriff was the notorious Seventh ward pickpocket William Kennedy. Kennedy in former years was a constant companion of Johnny Dobbs, Abe Coakley and all the most noted Fourth ward thieves. He was findly arrested and sentenced ward thieves. He was finally arrested and sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment on Blackwell's Island. He escaped after serving two months. A few weeks ago he was again arrested by Officer Canavan, of the Fourth precinct, for stealing \$126 from Mr. Leon Morency, of Fulton street, on a Second avenue car, and committed for trial. He was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in addition to serving his unexpired term. When the Deputy Sheriff took him in charge yeaterday morning Kennedy laughingly asserted that he would escape inside of three months, and Keeper Finn, knowing his desperate character, ordered him to be placed in double irons.

# JERSEY JUSTICE.

TEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT EACH FOR THE "BURNT RAG" THIEVES.

The trial of the "Burnt Rag" thieves, Williams, Walters and Edwards, was concluded in the Court of Quarter Sessions, at Jersey City, yesterday. District Attorney Garretson summed up very strongly against Attorney Garretson summed up very strongly against the prisoners, especially Williams, who is an outlaw from Maryland. Judge Hoffman charged the jury and recited the main points of the evidence in relation to the robbery of Brown's dry goods store, the capture of the thieves and the recovery of a large portion of the stolen property. The jury, after a brief deliberation, rendered a verdict of guilty. The District Attorney moved for sentence immediately in order to strike terror into the hearts of New York thieves that select Jorsey as a field for their operations. Mullen and Thompson, two other members of the gang, who were convicted the previous day, were then brought from the jail to the court room. Judge Hoffman sentenced the five prisoners to ten years each in the State Prison. Mullen was completely unmanned at this unexpected severity, and Elwards bit his lip to suppress his feelings. The whole gang was immediately taken back to jail.

# A JERSEY BURGLAR SURRENDERS.

Samuel Morrison, the New Jersey burgler arrested by Detective Handy, of the Sixth precinct, on Monday, having in his possession a large quantity of culery stolen from the factory of Heinisch & Son, corner of Bank and Sik streets, Newark, N. J., consented to surrender himself to detectives McManus and Stainsberry of Newark, yesterday, and was removed to New Jersey for trial. The Newark detectives have nucceeded in arresting Morrison's accomplices, two noted burglars named Patrick Desmond, of Academy street, Newark, and Michael McDowell of Warren street, Newark, When McDowell was arrested in Market street, Newark, yesterday morning, he had in his possession fourteen dozen steel shears, part of the proceeds of the Heinisch burglary, valued at \$150. The prisoners are all well known criminal characters.

## CHEAP CABS.

PROBABILITY THAT THE COMBINATION VEHICLES WILL NOT APPRAIL

For several weeks the HERALD has been agitating the cheap cab question by pointing out the absolute neces-sity of some reform in the present system. The first response to the appeal for a practical effort toward the removal of the objections c ted was made by the American District Telegraph Company, through its President, project which would insure the people of New York project which would insure the people of New York first class, cheap cabs. This gentleman said in this brief prospectus that his company had about 4,000 calls or telegraph instruments in private dwelling houses and public offices, all of which could be used in the new system of cabs to facilitate the running and conduct of the new business. Each person having a "call" could use it to ask for a vehicle from one of the

American District Telegraph Company's stands.

From time to time Harald reporters have visited Mr. Andrews, expecting to hear of the completion of the arrangements and to receive a copy of the programme, laws, bylaws and rates by which the new system was to be governed. But each time Mr. Andrews has approach by the system was to be governed. drows has invariably answered that delays were unavoidable, but that the coming week would see the establishment of the new line. All the cabs, to the drews has invariably answered that deanys were unavoidable, but that the coming week would see the establishment of the new line. All the cabs, to the number of 200, said he, were already upon the sireets, being the property of livery stablemen, who were willing to enter into a combination with the American District Company for the purposes specified. Nothing definite has come of all the talk and promass so far, not even the establishment of a part of the new ince in the uptown districts between Eighth street and the Park, where the experiment was to be tried first. In this section of the city are more than 3,000 of the wentithies and best ismiles. Many of them have "calis" in their dwellings, so that it was thought expectent to take the initial step in this part of New York. But it is to be feared new that the promised American District Telegraph Company's cheap cabs will not appear. There is always something in the Sikher somethyd is set of town who was to have been at the meeting of the Executive Committee, the members of which, by the way, are not yet known. From day to day Mr. Andrews has been mable to give any positive inturnation as to the condition of progress of the negotiations pending between himself and others, among whom may be mentioned Mr. Dodd, of the Transfer Company. Yesterlay the same stereotyped reply was made by Mr. Andrews to a Harator reporter, "Nothing new to-day, but to-incorred and to meet a man at ten A. M., with whom important business in relation to this matter is to be transacted." In short, there is always of them in this day before yesterday that the American District Telegraph Company's cabe would not be sarred in month, if at all.

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The public has grown impatient waiting for the cheap cabs promised by Mr. Andrews, and, finding that nothing is likely to come from that direction, now turns its eyes to the owners of cabs who are their own drivers. There are upward of 300 of them in this city, and they are members of what is known as the Public Hack Owners' Association. They are poor, struggling men, who have embarked their little capital in a hack and team, both of which they aim to keep in the best possible condition. These men are naturally careful of their carriages and passengers and drive through the crowded thorough-ares with complete security. No one who has ever been conveyed to any point in a "public back" can deny this. Therefore the public now asks, why do not the public hack owners of small means combine to break down the monopolies of which they complain by carrying passengers at rates lower than those allowed by the last Corporation ordinance? If they would do this there is every reason to believe that the travelling public would patronize them liberally. At any rate, there can be little doubt that the stands at the City Hall, Chatham and Union squares and elsewhere would not present the spectacle of unemployed coaches and freezing horses in winter and swellering brutes in summer. That the true remedy for the cab abuses can and will be found in this direction sconer or later cannot be disputed. Even now there is a willingness on the part of the drivers themselves to start something like a reform movement. But their pride is enlisted in a fight between them and the special license men, who are the real culprits, for the revocation of all special licenses. Mr. Thomas Boylston, Secretary of the Public Hack Owners' Association, says that the temper of the organization of such as to warrant his saying that it will try to do something to accommodate the public if the Corporation obliges the special locations of a ch

### RAPID TRANSIT'S DANGER.

Mr. Scott, of the Gilbert Elevated Railway, who, with Mr. Lowry, President Foster, General Horace Porter, Commodore Garrison, Ulysses Grant, Jr., Mr. Alexander, George H. Pullman and others were active Alexander, George H. Pullman and others were active in the work of the Seligman Commission, late last evening deserted the courts and appeared at the Mayor's office to consult upon the matter of rapid transit, Mr. B. N. Harrison, in the absence of the Mayor, conferred with Mr. Scott, who betrayed great alarm. The general impression about the court rooms and the City Hall yesterday was that rapid transit had been deferred for a year at least, and that nothing but a strong oxpression by the people will sectre to the city what it most needs. It is safe to say that the campaign between the horse car companies and the stockholders of the clevated railroads has only just opened. The work of the various commissioners was more skirmishing. The battle is now a siege, with the courts as the key to the position.

# CHEAP TRANSPORTATION.

UNION PACIFIC PREIGHT RATES.

A communication from the Cincinnati Board of Transportation was recently received by the New York Cheap Transportation Association, which requested the co-operation of the latter body with similar bodies in preparing a memorial to Congress, asking that the ad-ditional valuable grants of lands and other privileges sought by the Union Pacific Rathroad may be withheld. This letter was referred to the Committee on Railway Transportation, which has prepared the following draft of a memorial:-

To the Hongrable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress Assembled:

Your memorialists represent that the Union Pacific Railroad Company is an organization that derives its existence from the liberality of the people of the United States, as expressed in the legislation that not only authorized but provided the means for the construction of their lines of road. Notwithstanding this instead of being operated so as to promote to the largest extent the commercial prosperity. It is operated for the pecuniary aggrandizement of a few individuals. The rates they impose for carriage of freight viduals. The rates they impose for carriage of freight are enormous in proportion to the cost of the service. The actual cost of transporting freight by rail is variously estimated by the best authorities at one-half to three-quarters of one cent per ton per mile, contagent on grades, curves and condition of roadway. The distance from Omaha to San Francisco is 1,907 miles, and at the maximum rate of \$2 cont per ton per mile the cost of transportation for the entire distance is \$6 for first class freight, or \$12 for some merchandise on which they charke double first class rates. This is a profit of nearly 1,600 per cent on the last named rate. From Omaha to San Francisco, the rate is \$7 29 for first class freight of \$15 85 for double first class, or upward of 2,100 per cent profit. In one day this corperation, having bought out their steambilp competition from New York, raised their rates of freight 100 per cent and thus enforced a ruinous tax on all commerce between the eastward States and San Francisco. The rates from Pritisburg to San Francisco and from Cincinnati to the same point are as arbitrarily adjusted as to be thirty per cent in favor of Pittsburg, notwithstanding a difference of fifty per cent against that city in point of distance to be carried. Such abuse of chartered monopol es was certainly never anticipated when the ration's resources were taxed to facilitate the building of the Union

# THE HUDSON RIVER TUNNEL.

Another legal contest in the Hudson River Tunnel tigation took place yesterday in the Chancellor's hambers, at Newark. Mr. White, counsel for the Chembers, at Newark. Mr. White, counsel for the tunnel company, argued in favor of the motion to dissolve the injunction obtained by the Attorney General on behalf of the riparian commissioners. He dwelt with great severity on the unprecedented action of the Attorney General, who, when he was beaten in the courts as the legal agent of the Delaware and Lackawanna and Western Railway Company, fell back upon his prerogative as chief legal adviser of the State to accomplish as a public officer what he could not achieve as a private agent. The Attorney General opposed the motion, and the Chancellor reserved his decision. A remor was extensively circulated that the Attorney General had tendered his resignation to the Governor, in consequence of the conflict of the railroad interests he represents with those of the State, but Governor Bedie had received no notification thereof up to a late hour last evening.

# A FRIGHTFUL FALL

John Elliott, aged forty, of No. 53 Spring street, a laborer on the Brooklyn bridge, lell from the top of the New York tower to the roadway. He struck one of the projecting beams and then fell inside the arch, meeting instant death. The body fell 149 feet. The mangled body was taken to the Fourth precinct station house, and word was sent to Coroner Croker. The deceased was married and leaves a family.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. M. B. ROWAN

The funeral of Mrs. Mary B. Rowan, wile of Vice yesterday afternoon. The services, at the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, Clinton street, Brooklyn, were conducted by the rector. Rev. Charles H. Hall, D. D. Within the chancel were seated Rev. Dr. Hall, Rev. Mr. Ayres, assistant minister of Holy Trinity; Chaplain Hudson, United States Navy; Rev. Dr. Smith, of Jamaica, L. L., and Rev. Mr. Short. The Dr. Smith, of Jamaica, L. I., and Rev. Mr. Short. The floral decorations were profuse and clegant. The pall-bearers were Commodore Robeson, Captain Temple, Mr. A. W. Johnson, Judge E. W. Sloughton, of New Jersev; J. S. Graham, Captain D. MeN. Fairfax, Pay Director Cutter and Medical Directors Williams and Wells. Prominent among those present during the services were S. B. Sillinan, Captain George M. Ransom, of the United States sloop of war Colorado; Pay Director Spaulding, Naval Constructor Delano, Naval Constructor Fook, Chief Engineer Henderson. A. A. Low, Ex. Mayor Hunter and many officers of the army and navy on duty or residing at this station. The remains were taken to Greenwood Cemetery, where they were placed in the receiving vault for temporary keeping. The deceased lady, a native of Virginia, will be buried at some future date in that State.

## MARRIAGES AND DEATIES.

MARRIED.

chambers at, a 1930-A. M. and one P. M. Information will be taken to Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, for interment.

Curty.—Suddenly, at her residence, 13 Thompson st., Bridger Curty, a native of Cork, Ireland.

Notice of Interal hereater.

Donynick.—On Saturday, May 13, 1876, Augusta, eldest daughter of William H. and Margaret Dominick, of Cincinnati, Ohio; formerly of this city.

Erbrandowsky.—On May 15, of consumption, Erbrandowsky.

Funeral will take place to-day, at one o'clock, from 158 West 25th st. Members of Putnam Lodge, No. 328, F. and A. M., are corduly invited to attend.

Farmer.—Suddenly, on May 16, at Newark, N. J., Edgar Farmer, in the 52d year of his age.

Funeral services from his late residence, No. 542 Bread st., Newark, N. J., on Thursday, May 18, at two o'clock P. M. Interment at convenience of the family.

Gallagher,—On the 16th day of May, Kitty Gallagher, and friends of the family, also of her husband, Michael Gallagher, and father, Terronco McDermott, and brothers Edward and James, are respectively invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 442 West 35th st., at two o'clock P. M.

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HAMILTON, and 86 years.

Funeral on Thursday, at two o'clock P. M., from the Presbyterian church.

HARTMAX.—On Tuesday evening, May 16, 1876, HERRY HARTMAX, in the 75th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the juneral, from his late residence, 401 West 38th st., oo Saturday, the 20th inst., at one P. M.

HOMAN.—On Wednesday, May 17, Mrs. Rebecca HOMAN.

The friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Moore, Fution st., Astoria, L. I., on Friday, May 19, at two o'clock.

HOUPE.—Suddenly, at Tom's River, on Monday, 15th last, ANTHONY J. HOOPE, aged 58 years.

The remains will be taken to Greenwood this Thursday afternoon from pier 8, North River, on the arrival of the 1:20 boat.

IRWIN.—On Wednesday, May 17, Lapayrette Harriers In Ministry, son of the late Dr. J. H. Irwin, aged 14 years, 11 months and 6 days.

Reinlives and Firends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 154 East 128th st., on Friday, May 19, at eleven A. M.

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William W. Johnston, aged 32 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from the Eighteenth street Methodist Episcopai church (18th st., near 5th av., Brooklyn), Thursday, 18th inst., at ten o'clock A. M.

KASSENHOOK.—In Brooklyn, May 16, John Hennet Rassenhook.—In Brooklyn, May 16, John Hennet Investage, 189 Court st., on Thursday, 18th inst., at half-passition Proceedings of the International College of St. Francis Xavier, on Tuesday, 16th inst., Rev. Thomas Lecoulis.

The inneral will take place on Friday, at 9 A. M., from the Church of St. Francis Xavier.

Ludovici.—At New Brighton, S. I., on Wednesday, May 17, Emile Jones, wife of Julius Ludovici and daughter of the late H. F. Jones, of Rio de Janeiro, in the 34th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, on Friday, at twelve o'clock. Boat leaves peir No. I East River at twelve o'clock. Boat leaves peir No. I East River at twelve o'clock. Boat leaves peir No. I East River at Weighenan.—On Wednesday, 17th inst., Mrs. Sanan McGrenan.—On Wednesday, 17th inst., Mrs. Sanan McGrenan.

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MOGREHAN.—On Wodnesday, 17th inst., Mrs. Saram McGrenian, widow of the late Jarues McGrehant, aged 70 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 325 East 3d st. Will leave above residence at half-past nine o'clock, for St. Bridged's church, oorner 8th st. and av. B, where a requirem mass will be offered for the repose of her soul, and thence to Calvary Cemetery.

Nolax.—On Tuesday, 16th inst., Michael Nolas, aged 30.

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Nohax.—On Tuesday, 16th inst., Micharl Nohax, aged 30.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 16th Downing street, on Thursday, 15th inst., at one c'clock.

Owners.—The funeral of Mantis Ownes will take place from his late residence, 12th Centre et., this day, at two o'clock P. M. Relatives and friends are respectively invited to attend.

Page.—In Brooklyn, May 15, 1876, Elizabert S., wile of H. C. Page, aged 39 years and 8 month.

Pagined respectfully requests the members of the lodgs to assemble at the residence of our dear brother, Harry C. Page, No. 213 Livingston st., Brooklyn, this Thursday, May 18, at two o'clock P. M., to condole with him in his great bereavement and attend the funeral of his believed and departed wife, Elizabeth S. Page. Fraternally.

ISAAC TRICHMAN, Master.

Pullis.—On Wednesday, May 17, Many Len Pullis.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from South Espitist church, 25th at, between 7th and 8th aws. on Friday next, at two P. M. Alfina Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S.—Shatgra—You are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of Sister Mary L. Pullis, on Friday next, at two P. M. from South Espitist church, 25th at, between 7th and 8th awa.

ISABELLA S. BRADY, Worthy Matron Chastians Buttraick, Secretary.

Read.—On Tuesday morning, May 16, Natuas Reen, aged 31 years, 25 days.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his son-in-law, Gabriel Jonnings, No. 2 Beckman place, on Theraday, the 18th inst., at half-past one o'clock, P. M. Sacss.—On Wednedsy, May 17, at four o'clock, Mathice Gustay, the 18th mest, at half-past one o'clock, from the Friday next, in the 58th year of his age.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, 112 East 62d st., on Friday, May 10, at eleven A. M. Shith.—Al St. James, Long Island, on Tuesday evening, May 16, Ost. L. G. Smith, in the 58th

Nashville, Tehn., and Newark, N. S., papers proceedy.

SULLIVAR.—HANNAH O'KREPPE, the beloved wife of Owen Sullivan, in the 35th year of her age, and daughter of Daniel O'Keeffe, of Beeng, parish of Glauntane, county of Cork, Ireland.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, from St. Vincent's Hospital, West lith st., on Friday, at two o'clock.

Transult.—On Monday, May 18, after a long and severe iliness, Andrew Transult. Late bookseller, a native of Edunburgh, Scotland, aged 5e years.

Friends of the family are respectfully invited to astend the tqueeral, on Thursday, at half-past one a'clock from his late residence, No. 131 East 35th st.